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Accuser of Dodd Charges That F.B.I. Did Favors for Senator

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Senator Thomas J. Dodd's former chief assistant has charged that the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in return for speeches praising the bureau and its chief, J. Edgar Hoover, made its agents available to the Senator as chauffeurs and private detectives.

The charges were made by James Boyd, whose earlier allegations of misuse of campaign funds by Mr. Dodd led to the Connecticut Democrat's censure by the Senate last June 23.

In an article in the Jan. 13 issue of The Saturday Evening Post, out today, Mr. Boyd writes that when the Senator was traveling across the country "United States Immigration officers and on occasion F.B.I. agents were pressed into service as chauffeurs at various stops."

"On at least one occasion," he wrote, "F.B.I. agents in New York City were detailed as chauffeurs to drive Dodd around town on social calls. I knew, too, that the F.B.I. at times made its agents available to Dodd as private detectives, to tail members of his staff who had incurred his suspicion."

F.B.I. Is Silent

Mr. Boyd did not say which members of Mr. Dodd's staff had been tailed.

The investigation agency had no comment yesterday on the article. Mr. Dodd could not be reached.

Mr. Boyd, who worked for the Senator from 1953 to 1964, said that he had been moved to make the charges against Mr. Dodd because of a growing disillusionment.

He said that when Mr. Dodd had first offered him a job "I arrived home in a state of elation."

But after 1960, Mr. Boyd wrote, during the years of "increasing power and prestige," Mr. Dodd changed in ways "difficult to define as success stripped away much that was admirable, traits that had seemed ingrained turned out to be tactical."

"The Tom Dodd of my early recollections — humble, poor, tough, democratic, idealistic, generous - hearted, relentlessly energetic, whose inspirational charisma had drawn people to him," Mr. Boyd wrote, "had receded slowly in the background, supplanted by a formidable Peer of the Realm who chronically overindulged in the perquisites and superficialities of his position."

Hesitated To Act

Mr. Boyd said that he had become especially disillusioned when he found that the Senator was diverting money from political fund-raising dinners to his own personal use — the charge that led to the Senator's eventual censure.

But Mr. Boyd said that he had been hesitant to proceed against Mr. Dodd partly because he felt he might be condemned as an informer.

When the Senate ethics committee censured Mr. Dodd for having used at least $116,083 in political contributions for personal expenses it also criticized Mr. Boyd and three other employes of Mr. Dodd for having taken 4,000 documents from the Senator's files to use as evidence.

Mr. Boyd said that he had felt he could not go to the investigation bureau with his evidence because "Dodd had a key voice in legislation in which the bureau was vitally interested" and "for years Dodd had specialized in speeches of praise for the F.B.I. and its chief, J. Edgar Hoover, which I had ghosted with undercover assistance from the bureau."

He finally turned his material over to the newspaper columnists Drew Pearson and Jack Anderson, who made it public.